Lobes of the ſecond leaves moſt commonly five; two on each ſide of the rib, and one at the end; they are of a roundiſh figure, grow cloſe together, and are obſcurely crenated round the margin. The colour on the upper ſide is a browniſh kind of green; the underſide thickly covered with a brown hairy nap.

The lower figure repreſents one of the ſecond leaves, as it appeared when a little magnified; the ſeed veſſels are diſpoſed in three or four cluſters, on each lobe, partly hidden amongſt numerous, ſtrong, brown, hair-like filaments, by which alſo the whole under ſide of the leaf, quite to the margin, is thickly covered.

The ſpecimen above deſcribed is very exactly figured on plate 42, and is a plant ſo perfectly diſtinct from the Acroſtichum ilvenſe, in its uſual ſtate, that it ſeems to me unreaſonable to ſuppoſe them both of the ſame ſpecies.

The Acroſtichum ilvenſe, deſcribed in the former part of this work, page 14, and accurately figured on plate 9, was brought from *Snowden*. *Oeder*, in *Flora Danica*, has given an excellent figure of the ſame plant, *Tab.* 391. And the figure in *Pluk. Phyt. Tab.* 179, *Fig.* 4, (which is cited by Linnæus, in *Flo. Suecica*, *Ed.* 2. *No.* 938,) agrees pretty aptly with both *Oeder*'s and my own: But are all very different from the Acroſtichum alpinum above deſcribed.

The ſpecimen figured on plate 42, was brought from *Scotland*, but the plant is alſo a native of *South-Britain*; for in a volume of dried plants, collected by the late Mr. T. Knowlton, I have ſeen ſpecimens of the ſame plant, with this note, in his own hand writing, *From the Mountains of Wales*. From theſe, and ſome other circumſtances, I am induced to think, that two ſpecies of Britiſh Ferns have been confounded together, under the name of Acroſtichum ilvenſe; and I believe that future obſervation will confirm the truth now diſcovered.

ACROSTICHUM